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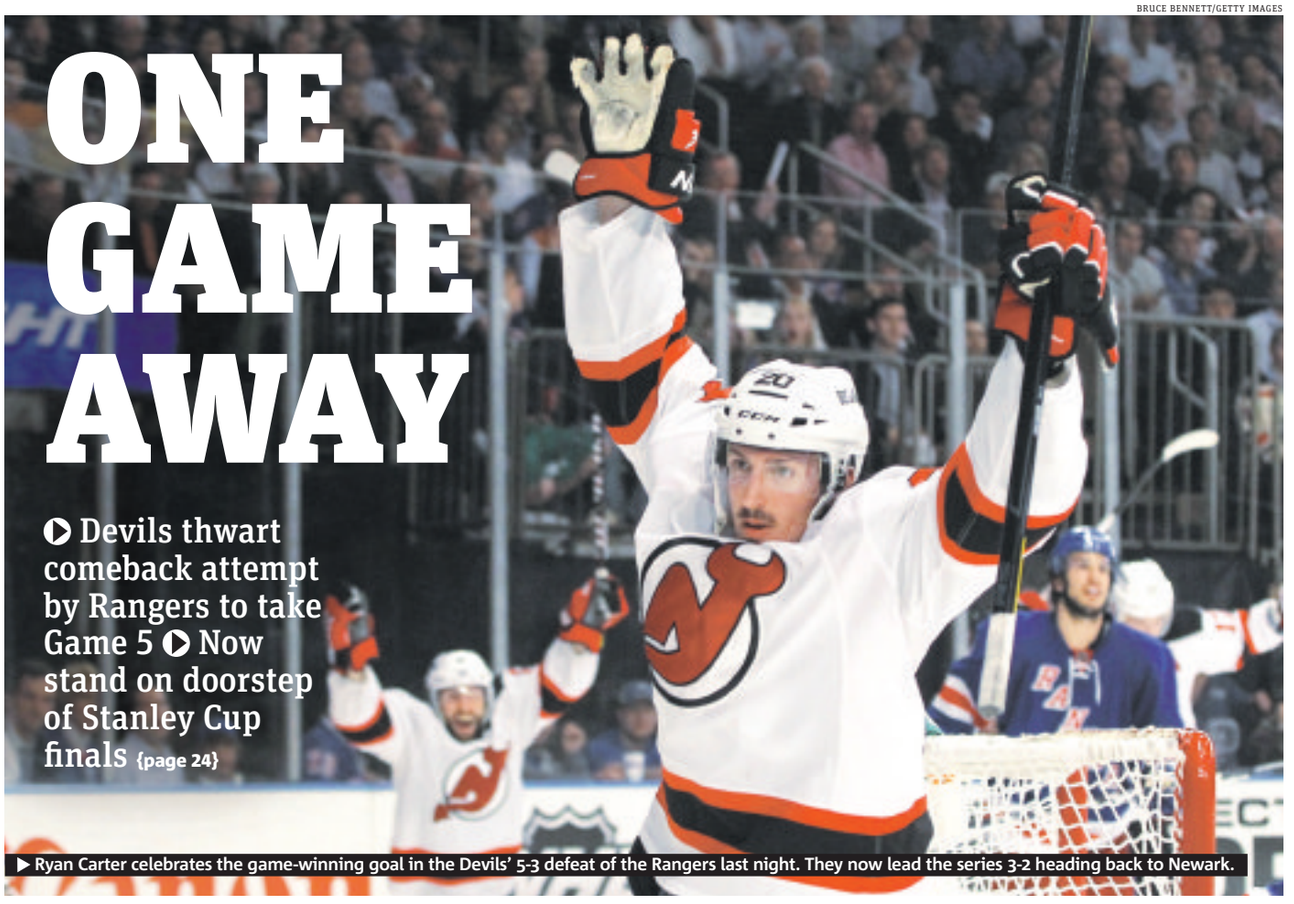

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▶ Ryan Carter celebrates the game-winning goal in the Devils' 5-3 defeat of the Rangers last night. They now lead the series 3-2 heading back to Newark.

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Bloomberg's 'hypocritical' chopper use

Murray Hill residents furious Bloomie gets special privileges to land his chopper after hours at helipad, despite curfew ◗ Say he should have to follow same rules private citizens do ◗ Bloomberg says he will stop

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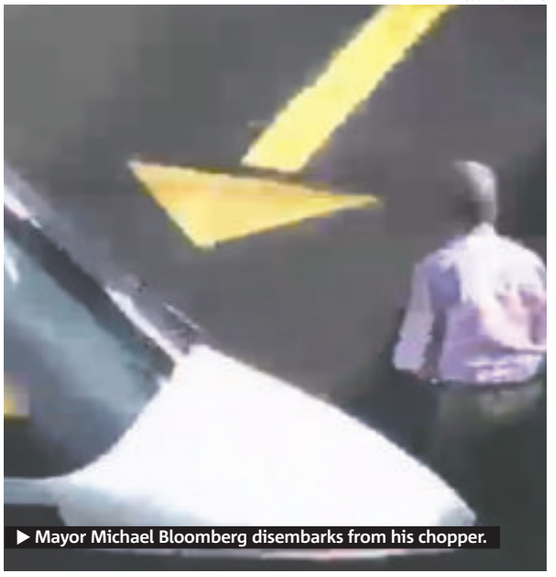

▶ Mayor Michael Bloomberg disembarks from his chopper.

Some say Mayor Michael Bloomberg hovers too much, banning smoking, attacking salt, pushing breastfeeding.

But now, some Manhattan residents are upset that Bloomberg is literally hovering — in his helicopter after hours by their apartment.

Despite Bloomberg's efforts to make New York a nice place to live, some city taxpayers say he doesn't seem to care if the ambiance in their neighborhood is pleasant, free from exhaust fumes and loud noise.

Murray Hill residents Ron and Amy Sticco, who live near the East 34th Street heliport, filmed Bloomberg buzzing in and out 16 times during the past six months. He made four trips from there this past weekend alone.

His trips are often after hours, when the heliport is closed by a court-mandated curfew that forbids it from being open on nights and weekends.

"While the heliport's waiting rooms are closed on weekends and you can't get fuel, we always thought that pilots could still take off and land, a courtesy that, it turns out, had been extended to mayors over the years."
STU LOESER, BLOOMBERG'S SPOKESMAN

Jeff Smith, chairman of the Eastern Region Helicopter Council, which represents the heliport, said the heliport is open after hours for "emergency or public service use," allowing Bloomberg, as a public service official, access whenever he pleases.

This weekend, Sticco said, Bloomberg, looking relaxed in khakis and a pastel shirt, brought along his girlfriend Diana Taylor and her two pet dogs to the launch pad. The trips hardly seemed like official business that required helicopter travel, she noted.

"If you're doing official business, you don't bring your girlfriend, you don't bring dogs with you," she said.

But, when asked about it, Bloomberg whined to ABC7 that, like all New Yorkers, he was simply trying to run weekend errands.

"I have a lot of things to do, I'm trying like everybody else," he said. "The heliport is there; it's available to land."

Sticco said the mayor should then have to follow the rules everybody else does, and that traveling with his girlfriend and dogs does not appear to be a good excuse for polluting her neighborhood.

"It's hypocritical when he says one thing and then he does something else," she said.

A spokesman for the mayor said late yesterday that Bloomberg will no longer be using the heliport on weekends.

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Monitoring the mayor

After noticing choppers landing after curfew, the Sticcos started monitoring, and later filming, the choppers' arrivals. "Whenever we were home and whenever we heard something, we'd run out and grab the camera," Amy Sticco said. They saw him buzz in and out 16 times in the last six months.

Pollution controls

Private tour helicopters cannot land at the 34th Street heliport at night or on weekends, and residents say that gives them a respite from the chopping blades and pungent smells. "You can't sit outside because of the fumes," Amy Sticco said. "And it's loud. It's affecting the quality of life." METRO/AB

In the news

Sex assault in Park Slope

A woman was grabbed from behind and groped in Park Slope in the predawn hours of yesterday morning. The 22-year-old woman was attacked at about 5 a.m. near the intersection of 16th Street and Fourth Avenue, police said. The man followed her as she was walking and then groped her from behind. It's not clear if the suspect is linked to other similar gropings in Park Slope last year. METRO/CB

In the news

Smoking down

The city announced yesterday that, after their ban, smoking in parks has dropped by nearly two-thirds. Smoking surveys were given out in 13 parks in Manhattan and Brooklyn, including Central Park and Tompkins Square Park. In 2010, the surveyors observed 108 people smoking, but a year later they found only 35 people puffing away. METRO/CB

Bride who lied about having cancer will pay

ORANGE COUNTY. An upstate New York bride who lied about having cancer to collect money and freebies will have to pay back all of her victims, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced yesterday.

Jessica Vega, 25, lied about having cancer, saying her dying wish was a wedding. She received cash and an Aruban honeymoon paid for by concerned friends and neighbors.

$13K Vega will have to pay more than $13,000 to the people who donated her money and trips.

She was sentenced to time served and will have to pay $13,368.48 to the victims of her scam.

"To prey on people's emotions by pretending to have a terminal illness is unconscionable," Schneiderman said yesterday. METRO/AB

Man stabs wife with meat cleaver

QUEENS. A Queens man attacked his wife with a meat cleaver early yesterday morning, said police, slashing her in the head. Officials said they heard screams from Liu Huizhen, 52, after she was attacked at around 5:45 a.m. Their son, Nianwen Wang, intervened, stopping the attack. The wife remained in critical condition last night. METRO/AB

Prosecutors nab $100K in pain pills in car seat

WESTCHESTER. Officials said they arrested a drug trafficker who had more than 2,700 pain pills with him. Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget Brennan said that Jose Garcia Acosta collected thousands of opioid pills in the city, reselling them in New England to make millions of dollars every year. He was arrested Sunday night in Westchester, and cops found 2,725 oxycodone pills in a hidden compartment in the backseat of his car. Prosecutors say that every week, he would make several trips to New England, delivering thousand of pills that he had purchased for about $16 per pill and reselling them at twice that price. METRO/AB

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City Council suggests grading subway stations

Two Councilmen suggest grading subway stations similar to the way the city does restaurants Grades would be based on rats, cleanliness

It's worked so well for the city's restaurants, why not give letter grades to subway stations?

That's the thinking of the New York City Council. The idea was proposed yesterday afternoon at a Council budget hearing on mass transit.

"Let me make a suggestion to the MTA: We grade the restaurants, right? A,B,C. So we should grade all the stations in the MTA system," Queens Councilman Peter Koo said, according to the New York Post.

Koo came up with the idea after he complained about the dirty conditions at the Park Place station outside City Hall.

The City Council proposed that the MTA post public letter grades in stations. The grades would be based on the cleanliness of the stations, safety at the station, and whether there are rats and other vermin scurrying around.

"That's a good idea! I would like every station rated," agreed Bronx Councilman James Vacca, who chairs the Council's Transportation Committee.

"Yes, we rate the restaurants and every takeout place," he added. "Why can't we rate stations on cleanliness, rats, water, garbage, graffiti?"

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MTA says they won't do it

Don't hold your breath for letter grades to pop up on the subway anytime soon.

Lois Tendler, the MTA's vice president for government and community relations, who represented the agency at the Council hearing, said she would bring Koo's suggestion to the MTA headquarters, and MTA officials would consider it.

But an MTA spokesman later said the agency won't be doing it.

Letter grades for stations would cost valuable employees and money, MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz told WNYC. Plus, he added, it wouldn't provide that much helpful information to the riding public.

"When you go into a subway station, you see everything: rodents, peeling paint — that's there for riders to see," Ortiz said. "There's no need to provide a letter grade to quantify that."

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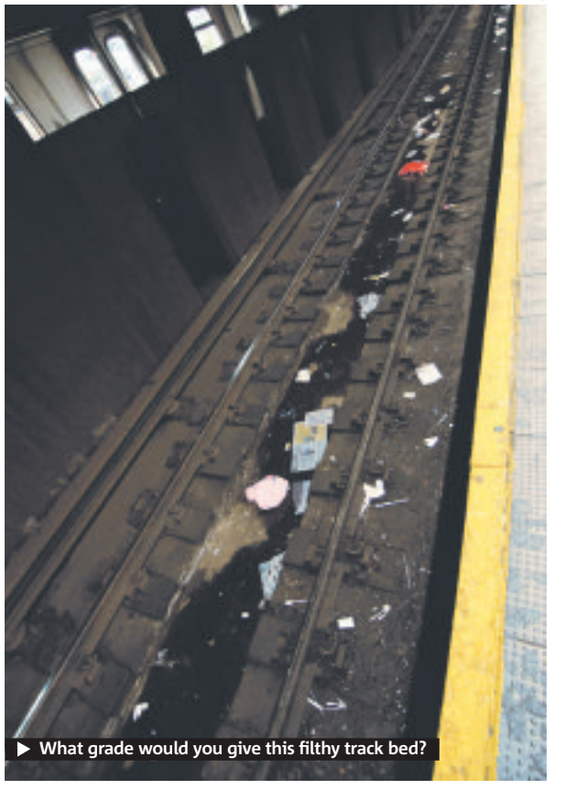

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Jilted UES groom sues his ex-fiance

In a story of a love grown cold, a rejected groom says it's time for his ex-fiance to pay up.

Upper East Side business executive Steven Silverstein filed a lawsuit against former flame Kendra Platt-Lee, claiming she owes him about $50,000 after she called off their wedding twice, the most recent time just months before they were set to walk down the aisle, according to the New York Post.

The couple met while Platt-Lee was working as a flight attendant in 2008 and were engaged a year later. She moved into Silverstein's $2,595-a-month East 86th Street apartment. That engagement was called off in 2010, and the couple went their separate ways.

When they reunited more than a year later, they moved into a more expensive apartment at $3,945 a month, which

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Silverstein said he also paid for entirely on his own. The two made plans to wed in Long Beach this coming September, and Silverstein said he shelled out money for the venue, the band, the DJ, the photographer and a videographer.

Things took a turn for the worse when Pratt-Lee went to California in April and called Silverstein after 10 days to cancel the wedding and end the relationship. Silverstein claims that she withdrew $54,367 from their joint bank account that same day, even though $19,269 of that money belonged to him.

Pratt-Lee did give back the $32,000 engagement ring given to her by Silverstein, but he is asking for much more — Silverstein is suing his former fiance for the $19,269 from the bank account, $28,000 in rent and half of the wedding down payments.

But it doesn't end there — Pratt-Lee is filing a countersuit against Silverstein claiming that he hasn't returned some of her possessions, including her makeup. Her lawyer said she "generally denies" Silverstein's allegations.

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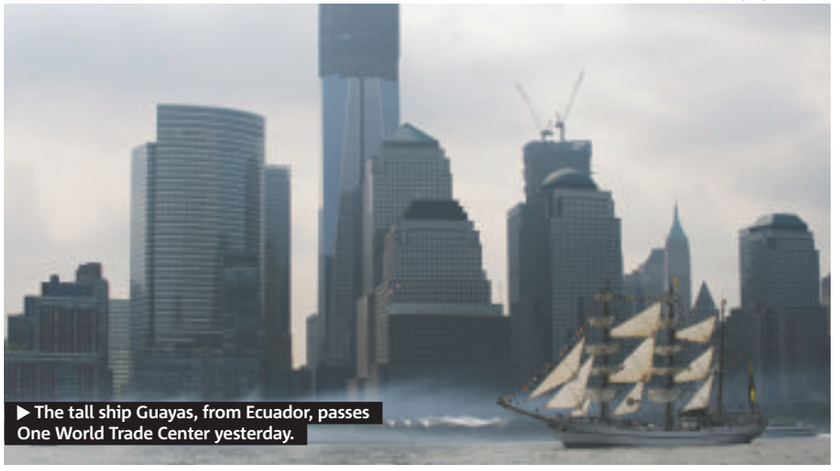

▶ The tall ship Guayas, from Ecuador, passes One World Trade Center yesterday.

Fleet Week sets sail in NYC

Fleet Week kicked off today, the weeklong celebration of the United States Armed Forces — so get ready to thank those serving the country when you see them around the city.

The event started with a parade of ships yesterday morning, sailing by the Statue of Liberty and up to the George Washington Bridge.

Visitors can climb aboard two of those ships, the Guayas, from Ecuador, pictured above, and the Gloria, from Colombia, at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum on Manhattan's West Side.

Other events include a tug-of-war competition and movies on the flight deck.

Friday, the Intrepid is hosting performances from shows like "Peter and the Starcatcher" and "Traces," and will also show the film "Top Gun" at 7:30 p.m. on the flight deck.

The United States Coast Guard will perform a search-and-rescue demonstration Sunday at noon at the museum. **METRO/AB**

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ATM pins pose new risk of fraud

How debit card consumers choose and use their personal passwords and PIN numbers may well hike their risk of being victimized by financial fraud.

It's an appropriate topic given that June is ATM & Debit Card Safety Awareness Month, an issue your grandparents didn't see coming 30 years ago, but some law enforcement authorities sure did.

Consumers who give debit card fraud short shrift do so at their own risk. According to Javelin Research, debit card fraud accounted for 36 percent of all payment card fraud in 2010, up from 27 percent in 2009. Debit card fraud is more vexing for consumers than credit card fraud, as debit card fraud is rarely insured, and the losses come straight out the consumer's bank account.

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"Debit cards aren't monitored as thoroughly as credit cards," says Javelin in its 2011 Identity Fraud Survey Report. "Visa and MasterCard networks have more thorough histories on individuals and can spot suspicious transactions. The debit card network, however, relies on the consumer's transaction history with a specific financial institution, not the entire Visa and MasterCard system, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center." **MAINSTREET.COM**

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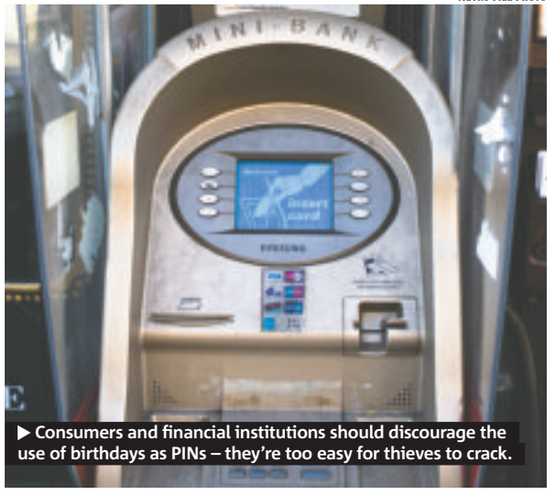

▶ Consumers and financial institutions should discourage the use of birthdays as PINs – they're too easy for thieves to crack.

Card tips

- **Monitor your financial account statements:** Track your bank accounts online daily so that any suspicious activity is spotted quickly.
- **Protect your wallet, purse and PIN:** Don't carry items with private information such as your Social Security number in your pocketbook or wallet.
- **Be extra alert at ATMs:** Don't use an ATM if it is in an unlit or hidden area. Block the keypad while entering your PIN so you can't be observed. If an ATM looks phony or has a suspicious card reader that is loose or not part of the main body of the machine, do not use it.

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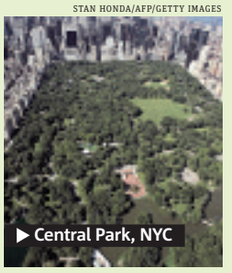

▶ Central Park, NYC

Boston, NY among best parks in US

SAN FRANCISCO. San Francisco has the best city park system in the United States along with Sacramento, Boston and New York, according to a ranking of the 40 best systems across the country.

The Trust for Public Land, a nonprofit conservation organization that released the report, said Fresno's park system in Calif. was the one most needing improvement.

Sacramento ranked second, while Boston and New York tied for third. **REUTERS**

Scientists turn skin cells into heart muscle

LONDON. Scientists have for the first time succeeded in taking skin cells from patients with heart failure and transforming them into healthy, beating heart tissue that could one day be used to treat the condition.

The results meant they might eventually be able to reprogram patients' cells to repair their own damaged hearts. **REUTERS**

Inside access given for bin Laden film

WASHINGTON. The Obama administration arranged for two filmmakers to get special access to government officials involved in the operation that killed Osama bin Laden.

Documents lay out contacts between White House, CIA and Pentagon officials and Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal, the director and screenwriter of "The Hurt Locker." **REUTERS**

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▶ Sullivan

Secret Service chief apologizes for hooker scandal

WASHINGTON. The head of the Secret Service, in his first public appearance since a scandal involving Colombian prostitutes and his employees, apologized for the misconduct yesterday — but lawmakers expressed doubt that this was an isolated incident.

Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan, gray-haired in a blue striped suit and tie, faced the Senate Homeland Security Committee and asserted that the behavior of a dozen employees in Cartagena last month did not reflect the culture of the agency.

"I am deeply disappointed, and I apologize for the misconduct of these employees and the distraction that it has caused," Sullivan said. **REUTERS**

Journalist: Piers Morgan taught me phone-hacking

LONDON. One of Britain's most-respected journalists said yesterday that former tabloid newspaper editor Piers Morgan showed him how to hack into phones 10 years ago, the latest twist in a scandal that has so far centered on Rupert Murdoch.

Morgan, now a CNN talk-show host in the United States, has consistently denied authorizing phone hacking during his time as editor of the Daily Mirror.

The criminal practice has damaged Murdoch's reputation. **REUTERS**

Facebook, banks sued over pre-IPO analyst calls

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▶ The lawsuit seeks class-action status, and was filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

Facebook Inc. and Morgan Stanley, the lead underwriter of social networking company's IPO, were sued by shareholders who claimed the defendants hid Facebook's weakened growth forecasts ahead of its $16 billion initial public offering.

The lawsuit, which also targeted underwriters JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs, among others, comes as Facebook and the banks that took it public face many questions about the IPO process, which culminated in a May 18 stock market debut plagued by technical glitches.

The legal action accused the defendants, including Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg, of concealing "a severe and pronounced reduction" in revenue growth forecasts resulting from increased use of Facebook's app or website through mobile devices.

"I don't think any investor in Facebook wouldn't have wanted to know that information."
SAMUEL RUDMAN

Facebook was also accused in the lawsuit of telling its bank underwriters to "materially lower" forecasts for the company.

"The main underwriters in the middle of the road show reduced their estimates and didn't tell everyone," said Samuel Rudman, a partner at Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd, which brought the lawsuit. "I don't think any investor in Facebook wouldn't have wanted to know that information." **REUTERS**

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@Joan_Rivers: Virgin Atlantic will allow the use of cell phones on flights. Now the flight attendant can call me to say, "Get your own coffee!"

@BetteMidler: People are drinking less soda! Great news for health and great for planet with fewer of those goddamn plastic bottles!!

@MarthaPlimpton: If you don't know how to use horns, jack, you're nowhere. Horns are my jam.

@ReallyMarcia: Much love to the Irish and thanks for your hospitality. You sure know how to make a girl feel loved. Til the next time..

Rivers

Britney has needs

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▶ Spears has some munchie demands.

Britney Spears may be making $15 million for gracing the judges table on "The X Factor," but she still doesn't intend to put out her own snack money.

Details from the singer's contract have leaked, and she has some very specific requests as far as dressing room needs are concerned. Every day, she'll require fried chicken (legs and breasts only), 12 Snickers bars, 24 cans of Coke, 10 snack-size bags of Doritos and 12 vases of magnolia blossoms — give or take a basket of baby white lion cubs, depending what source you're going with.

Not that all of this junk food is exclusively for Spears, who has reportedly been hitting the gym before cameras start rolling. She's also requested a 24-member staff that includes a beauty team, a massage therapist and a "spiritual adviser."

How sweet would it be to serve as Spears' spiritual adviser? You know you could just toss this chick a couple mood rings and spend the next seven and a half hours eating her Doritos.

Clarkson's just too happy

Now that **Kelly Clarkson** is in a stable relationship, she fears her art will suffer.

"It is killing me. I'm trying to write a tough song, and it is coming out like butterflies and rainbows," the singer tells People magazine. "It is ruining my creativity."

▶ Clarkson

You've got to make sacrifices for love, Kelly. But then again, most of us couldn't write lyrics as lame as these after, say, junior year:

"I used to stand so tall
I used to be so strong
Your arms around me tight
Everything, it felt so right"

Today in Kardashians

Khloe Kardashian is dishing out some tough love. According to Australia's NW magazine, after finding a stash of **Kim**'s Valium and sleeping pills, she told her sister to clean it up or she was telling mom.

"Khloe's really freaked out by it: She found a bottle of pills and knew straight away what Kim was doing," says a source, adding that Kim began self-medicating after splitting from **Reggie Bush** two years ago.

Oh, Khloe — if you only knew what we started swallowing after her four-hour wedding special.

Khloe Kardashian

Colbert Nation speaks

Maxim magazine let readers vote on this year's list of the 100 hottest women, which is why **Stephen Colbert** — who launched a massive write-in campaign — comes in at number 69. The comedian beat out Word favorites including **Sofia Vergara** (at 71) and **Christina Hendricks** (an unacceptable 77).

Colbert

Talking points

Baby on the way for Megan Fox

Megan Fox is reportedly pregnant — and it's a girl, according to Star magazine. "She's been helping to raise [husband] **Brian [Austin Green]**'s 10-year-old son, **Kassius**, for years, and now she'll have the experience of being mommy to a little girl," a source says. "Obviously, Megan and Brian would be happy with a healthy baby of either gender, but they're beyond thrilled that Kassius is going to have a little sister." It looks like it'll be a busy autumn for the "Transformers" star. "She'll be due at the very end of September or the first week in October," the source adds. "Megan is attached to a movie called 'Swindle,' but it's in rewrites and probably won't even begin filming until next year. So right now her plate is totally clean, and she can devote herself to her baby."

▶ Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga wants the best for you

At a tour stop in Manila, **Lady Gaga** took a moment to address the recent protests that have been waged against her — leading to her not being allowed to perform in Jakarta. She's also drawn protest from Biblemode Youth, a Christian group that called for an end to her shows in the Philippines. "Some people think that I stand for, like, really inappropriate things," she told the crowd, according to Hollyscoop. "The truth is I want the f—ing best for you. I want the best for every single one of you. I love you with all of my heart and all my soul, I really do." As for stirring up controversy in the Philippines, Gaga doesn't seem too concerned: "Don't worry, if I get thrown in jail in Manila, **Beyonce** will just bail me out," she posted on Twitter this week. "Sold out night two in the Philippines. I love it here!"

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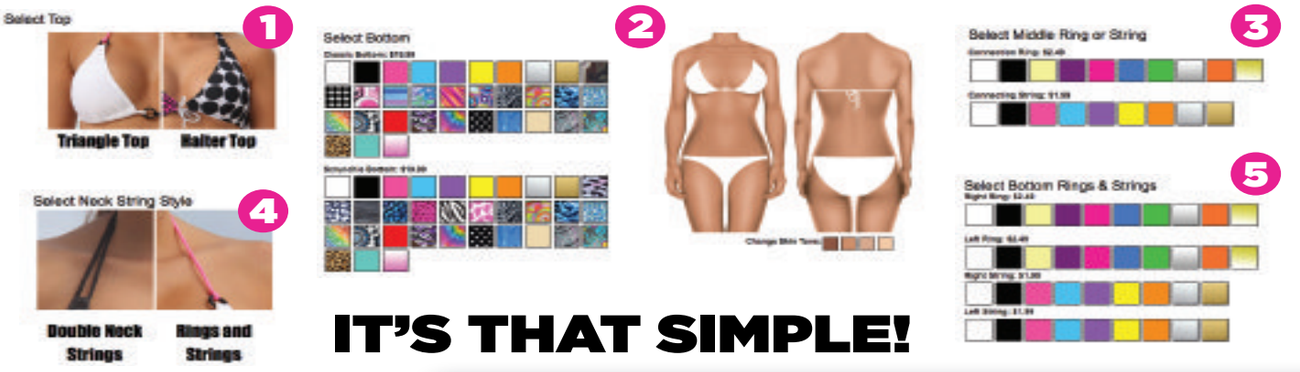

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THE BIGGEST CONCERTS OF THE SUMMER

These acts are booked into enormous venues for a reason A sampling of where you can get your rock on, your rap on and your nostalgia on

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▶ Drizzy gets busy with the help of some friends.

▶ Drake
June 16, Jones Beach
The Canadian-based rapper has loaded his "Club Paradise Tour" with such a giant entourage of openers that it was tempting to put this concert in the "festivals" category. But as great as openers J. Cole, Meek Mill, Waka Flocka Flame and 2 Chainz are, this is Drizzy's show. Recent set lists have shown that he performs more than 20 songs each night, drawing heavily from last fall's "Take Care."

▶ Radiohead
May 31 and June 1, Prudential Center
Before you write off Radiohead as music that's strictly for earbud listening, you should know that they've been busting out a lot of "OK Computer" songs at recent shows. They've also retooled most of the songs from last fall's "King of Limbs" to rock way more.

▶ Neil Diamond
June 8 and 10, Jones Beach
Need two reasons to check out this concert? How about "Shilo" and "Sweet Caroline"? Not only did he write these hits, but he sells them so hard in concert, wearing glittery garments that should (but don't) contradict his status as a top-notch songwriter.

▶ Dave Matthews Band
June 12 and 13, Jones Beach
On one hilarious sketch on the "Saturday Night Live" finale, Bill Hader began by saying, "Hi, I'm Dave Matthews. Remember me? From college?" Apparently a lot of you do, as Dave-demand is high enough for a two-night stand.

Santi says:

"At Coachella I saw a little bit of The Weeknd, and At the Drive-In, and Radiohead. It was great. It was really cool. I had never seen them perform before, so I was just really enjoying Thom Yorke's dance moves. He's so good."

▶ The Beach Boys
June 24, Jones Beach
Celebrating their 50th anniversary, this touring incarnation actually features all surviving members of the Beach Boys. This is noteworthy because over the past few years, a "Beach Boys" concert could mean just one Beach Boy or another on the stage with a bunch of younger dudes in Hawaiian shirts. But this lineup actually features Brian Wilson, the group's resident genius songwriter who is touring with the band for the first time in more than 25 years. Whether they're picking up good vibrations or just picking up bags of cash, the tour is a rarity not to be missed.

▶ Jones

▶ Norah Jones
July 3, Rumsey Playfield
Just because your mom loves Norah doesn't have to mean that you can't like the versatile songstress. With her recent album, "Little Broken Hearts," she's gone through a reinvention of sorts. Sure, your parents will still love it, but producer Danger Mouse has snuck some sinister sounds into the mix. Plus, Norah even sings about murdering somebody here!

▶ Roger Waters
July 6 and 7, Yankee Stadium
The most enduring wonder about "The Wall" is that it's an album about isolating yourself, but it continues to reach out and find new audiences. When Pink Floyd attempted to tour for the album shortly after releasing it in 1979, their production was so elaborate that they could only stage the show at four venues. Thankfully, Floyd founder Roger Waters figured out how to bring it to more venues. And if the indoor show that came around in the fall of 2010 is any indication, it was definitely worth the wait. Run like hell to get a ticket!

▶ Enrique Iglesias and Jennifer Lopez
July 20 and 21, Prudential Center
J-to-tha-Lo! E-to-tha-Ig! OK, the second one doesn't quite have the same ring to it, does it? But this co-headlining tour really has high potential for spicy duets.

▶ Aerosmith
July 24, Izod Center
Aerosmith is a national treasure! Think about it: In an age where it's a possibility that a Tupac ghost could appear on any stage anywhere, it's a marvel that a real live classic band like the bad boys from Boston have all of their original members after all the years of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. Not only are they all still living, but they're all still rocking and continuing to make vital music.

▶ Coldplay
Aug. 3 and 4, Izod Center
Coldplay continue to rise to the occasion and be the arena band that Gen Y needs them to be. Most recently, they busted out a spirited and sweet cover of the Beastie Boys' "Fight for your Right" on the day that MCA died. Plus, word is that they hand out light-up wristbands to attendees that makes for a cool concert effect.

▶ Brothers of the Sun Tour
Aug. 11, MetLife Stadium
Don't you dare call what Kenny Chesney and Tim McGraw have got going on between them a bromance! These two country giants have cultivated a relationship that they say makes them "Brothers of the Sun." The tour marks the first time these two cowboys (both of whom "Feel Like a Rock Star") have hit the road together in 10 years, and they've brought along Jake Owen and guitar-shredding woman Grace Potter and the Nocturnals.

The Boss

▶ Madonna
Sept. 6 and 8, Yankee Stadium
The "Girl Gone Wild" mood of Madonna's most recent release, "MDNA," feels like the soundtrack to a midlife crisis. For a concertgoing audience, this can be a good thing if she indulges in over-the-top stunts and theatrics and plays a set that lives in the present rather than getting hung up on nostalgia. Yeah, she'll make it feel shiny and new.

▶ Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band
Sept. 19 and 21, MetLife Stadium
Experiencing the Boss in concert is a rite of passage. Yes, it's mostly wealthy white men in khakis who continue to honor this ritual, but don't let them distract you. The magic is on the stage, where the 62-year-old Springsteen somehow summons an energy that could wear out a performer one third of his age.

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New albums: June

Usher

'Looking 4 Myself,' June 12
Usher is an artist comfortable enough in his success that he is free to push artistic boundaries. For his seventh album, he's tapped Diplo and Swedish House Mafia to produce, which means it's more daring. He's been calling the style "revolutionary pop."

Justin Bieber

'Believe,' June 19
Biebs has enough sense to wait until the week after his mentor drops his latest "Looking 4 Myself," but by all accounts Bieber has found a new version of himself with his official follow-up to 2010's "My World 2.0." Sources say that his world 3.0 is a lot more Timberlakian — yes that's a word — and grown-up. It's about time somebody got to bringing sexy back.

Fiona Apple

'The Idler Wheel,' June 19
Before you get all bummed that the title of Fiona's seven-years-in-the-making fourth album is only three words long, know that the full title is actually "The Idler Wheel is Wiser than the Driver of the Screw and Whipping Cords Will Serve you More Than the Ropes Will Ever Do." So, yeah, she is in true Fiona form here — but she's good-weird rather than onstage-meltdown-weird. Lead single "Every Single Night" is begging to make for some road-trip bonding for you and your "frehhhh ehhhh ehhh ehh ends."

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Master of her 'Make-Believe'

Santi White on the new Santigold album and how two years of touring behind her debut helped her reach more fans She also talks about her 'high school play' props

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Santigold plays as part of the Governors Ball Music Festival on June 23 (www.governorsballmusicfestival.com).

Santigold became cemented into the lore of summer music three years ago. It all started when an eccentric guy dancing alone on a patch of grass far away from the stage at the Sasquatch Music Festival attracted hundreds of ecstatic revelers to join him, and eventually 5.9 million viewers on YouTube. All the while, singer Santi White was chanting a triumphant chorus of "I've got to be unstoppable."

"That was amazing," says White, reflecting back on the moment. "When we were onstage, we noticed something far off in the distance and just saw this huge part of the crowd running across the field, and I remember afterward we were like, 'Did you see that? What happened?' And then when somebody sent it to me on YouTube I couldn't believe it. I've heard that the video has been used in leadership classes."

This moment is a good metaphor for everything that the music of Santigold represents. The songs are playful and fun, but they are firmly rooted in the notion of spreading positivity. Releasing a self-titled debut in 2009, Santigold toured for two years and built a loyal following, so that when she released her sophomore album, "Master of My Make-Believe" earlier this month, the response was not entirely unlike the dancers running across the field to join in on the fun.

"It's great as an artist, starting out, to just spend some time building a fan base," she says. "I was really grateful that the demand was there for so long."

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SANTIGOLD

The live show is equally deserving of that demand, with its cross of high energy and high camp. Robotic backup singers flank White and occasionally bust into funny, old-school dance moves. Backup musicians wear rubber flat-top wigs, making them look like comic book versions of ancient Egyptians. Oh, and there's also a two-person horsey that comes out to dance.

"I just closed my eyes one day and I saw lassos and a horse, and I was like, 'We need lassos and a horse!' and everybody looked at me like I was crazy," she says of the eureka moment. "And then me and my girls went online and we found this cool horse outfit and we were like, 'That's the one!' I wanted it to be theatrical in a very do-it-yourself sort of way, like a high school play."

'GO!' for it

"Master of My Make-Believe" opens in a call to arms, with the song, "GO!" Against electronic pulses and jungle drums, Santi White sings about how haters have tried to steal her power away, "but they couldn't take it."

"There's truth to all of these songs," she says, "and this one is just watching people in the super mainstream pick and choose and take bits of what's going on in the underground. ... Also, that song is kind of like a tongue-in-cheek fun song. They're kind of like mantra songs for me, where you just need to be like, 'I'm the best!' Especially when you're working on a new record, and you really don't feel like that. There's just times when you don't feel like that, and it's nice to be able to sing songs like that to make you feel good."

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New albums: July

▶ Nas

Nas

'Life is Good,' July 17
Nas' 10th album has been a slow train coming. The first single, "Nasty," was released last August, and since then two other tunes have leaked. And if they're any indication, the Queensbridge rapper's old-school approach still sounds fresh.

French Montana

'Excuse My French,' July 17
With the number of mixtapes and guest appearances from French Montana, it's hard to believe that this is the Moroccan rapper's first proper album. With the full-length, expect the same cinematic style as on the single "Shot Caller."

Music festivals

Lollapalooza? Instead, try a local-palooza!

▶ **Northside Festival**
June 14-21
Multiple Venues, Brooklyn
www.northsidefestival.com
If you didn't have the money to fly down to Texas for SXSW, Northside offers a similar platform for showcasing new acts on the indie spectrum. Taking over Williamsburg and Greenpoint, the fest features psych-influenced indie poppers Of Montreal, Wu-Tang Clan's GZA and hundreds of under-the-radar acts. Cost of admission ranges from $70 to $250.

▶ **Governor's Ball Music Festival**
June 23-24, Randall's Island
www.governorsballmusicfestival.com
A music festival/block party that's minutes from Manhattan? Yes, please! Mashing together hot indie rock, electro and hip-hop acts with food trucks, lawn games and beer pong, the only complaint is that this fest is only two days. This could be a way of life! Other highlights include Passion Pit, Explosions in the Sky, Major Lazer, Beck, Kid Cudi and Modest Mouse. Admission ranges from $95 to $300.

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▶ Nicki Minaj headlines Summer Jam next weekend.

▶ **Hot 97 Summer Jam**
June 3, Metlife Stadium
East Rutherford, NJ
www.hot97.com/summerjam
The hip-hop and R&B station-curated fest brings out the hottest names on the radio and beyond. Catch early sets by up-and-coming rappers with big buzz like Tyga, Meek Mill and Mavado. And stick around for tried-and-true headliners like Rick Ross and Nicki Minaj. Tickets range from $45 to $175.

▶ **CBGB Festival 2012**
July 5-8, New York City
www.cbgb.com/festival
Various prices
Whether you miss the old days of the small, dirty punk club on the LES, or you actually just missed those days by being born too late, CB's returns for a curated festival in more than 20 venues in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Highlights include classic alt-rockers Guided By Voices and lo-fi buzz band Cloud Nothings, who would have fit right in on a bill there in the early '80s. The four-day festival showcases 300 rock bands, including a free showcase at Central Park Summerstage, music industry panels, and a full-day Spirits Festival in downtown NYC featuring small distillers.

▶ **4Knots Music Festival**
July 14, South Street Seaport
www.villagevoice.com/4knots
This free fest offers an afternoon of music from recently reunited punk rock act Archers of Loaf and catchy Brooklyn-based indie pop band The Drums, among others. The second annual 4Knots, sponsored by Village Voice, replaces their old Siren Fest on Coney Island.

▶ **Catalpa NYC 2012**
July 28-29, Randall's Island
www.catalpanyc.com
This brand new fest caters to a variety of audiences. You should shell out the $140 to $180 if only for the outside opportunity of seeing Snoop Dogg guesting on a Black Keys song. If that doesn't happen live, there's a chance that mashup artist Girl Talk, also on the bill, could do something similar to make up for it.

Bow wow wow, yippee yo, yippee yay: Snoop performs at Catalpa in July.

▶ **Electric Zoo**
Aug. 31-Sept. 2
Randall's Island
www.madeevent.com/electriczoo
Tickets for this fest start at $299, but it is the largest platform for electro north of Ultra Fest in Miami. Where else can you hear David Guetta, Benny Benassi, Skrillex and Tiesto bumpin' in the same weekend?

▶ **Rock the Bells**
Sept. 1-2, PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ
www.rockthebells.net/line-up-nj
For hip-hop fanatics, Rock the Bells is your best bet. Tickets range from $112 to $250. In addition to Nas and Common, the festival glances into the different subgenres of rap. A highlight of the lineup of more than 20 acts is Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, who perform Eazy-E's "E. 1999 Eternal" in its entirety for their 20th anniversary reunion. See you at the crossroads!

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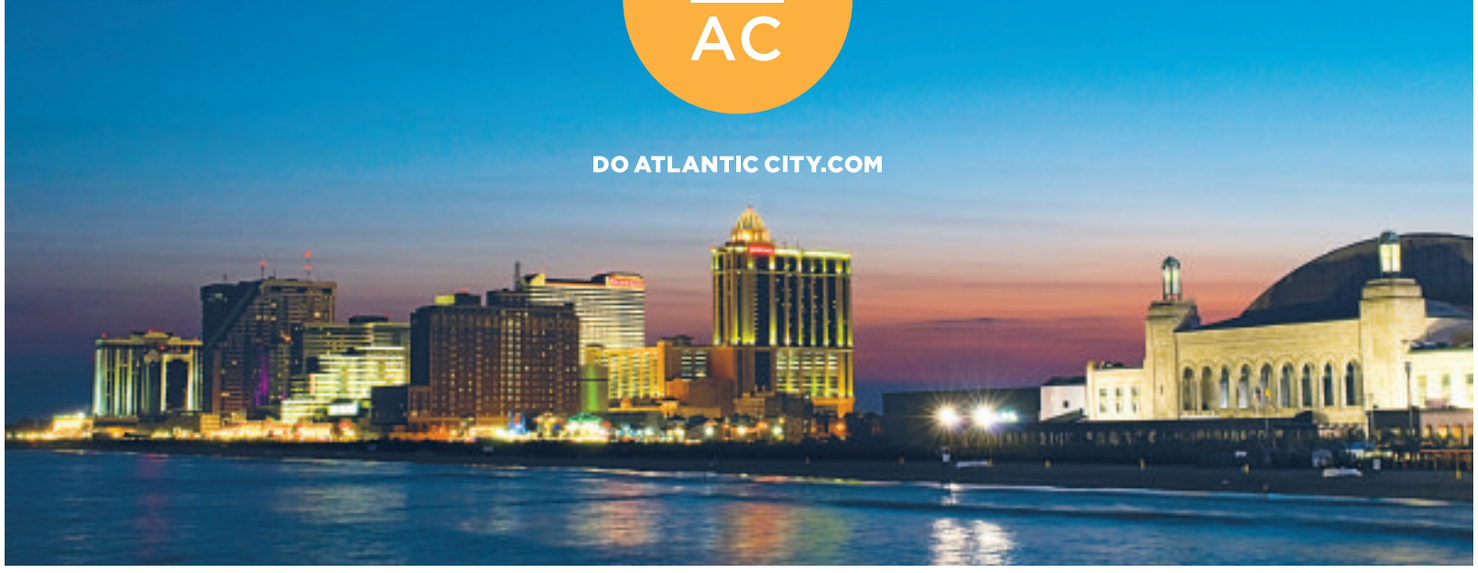

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New albums: August

2 Chainz

'Based on a T.R.U. Story,' Aug. 14

With the amount of anticipation surrounding this debut, "T.R.U." could be this year's "Take Care." Though 2 Chainz is from Georgia, the comparison to Drake is fitting, as the Canadian rapper turns in an intense cameo on the freaky lead single, "No Lie."

Alanis Morisette

'Havoc and Bright Lights,' Aug. 28

If "Guardian," the lead single on Morisette's eighth album, is any indication, the angsty Canadian is back to that glossy melodic rock that put her on the map in the '90s.

Music festivals

The best of the fests

Long lines, loud noises, rubbing up against sweaty strangers — and that's just the experience standing in line for the port-a-potties. That's right, folks — summer music festival season is here. Instead of being exposed to one or two bands every other week or so like an entry level fan, festivals like the annual favorite Bonnaroo give you a chance to squeeze in all of the bands you ever wanted to see (and plenty that you didn't) in one musical cram-session. Not all summer music festival are created equal, however, so here are a few that we think are worth schlepping all the way across the country for.

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▶ Fitz and the Tantrums play Wakarusa next weekend.

Santi says:

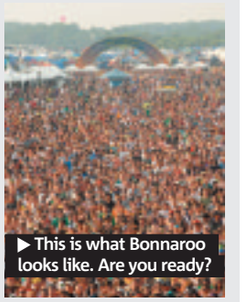
"Headlining gigs are really intimate and you're with your fans, and that's usually a really great energy. Festivals are great, too. It's just a different energy. There's so many more people and a lot of times they are your fans too, but there's also a lot of people who are being introduced to your music. It's just a nice atmosphere, to be outside in the daytime."

▶ **Wakarusa**
May 31-June 3, Ozark, Ark.
www.wakarusa.com
Supersized festivals like this one are usually just as much for die-hard music fans as they are for tent and dirt enthusiasts, which has made this long-running music and camping festival in Arkansas such a hit. That and the eclectic lineups — this year the slate runs the gamut from heady electronic bro Pretty Lights, to neo-mod soul act Fitz and the Tantrums, to indie beardos Blitzen Trapper, who were probably going to be hanging around nearby in the woods already anyway.

▶ **Electric Daisy Carnival**
June 8-10, Las Vegas
www.electricdaisycarnival.com
For almost 15 years this has been one of the biggest electronic music festivals in the country. Now that EDC is bigger than ever, it makes sense that the festival would expand exponentially too. Big names like Avicii, Tiesto, Afrojack and David Guetta headline.

▶ **All Good Festival**
July 19-22, Thornville, Ohio
www.allgoodfestival.com
Old people like music too, and while they may not do as many drugs as they used to, sometimes it's nice to go back and relive the glory days, if only for a weekend. Phil Lesh & Friends, The Flaming Lips, Bob Weir and Bruce Hornsby with Branford Marsalis, The Allman Brothers Band and your dad will all be there.

▶ **Pitchfork Music Festival**
July 13-15, Chicago
Lollapalooza
Aug. 3-5, Chicago
www.pitchfork.com/festivals/chicago/2012
www.lollapalooza.com
The old marketing brand returns with a lineup that reads like the ghosts of Lollapalooza past (Red Hot Chili Peppers, At the Drive-In), present (Black Keys, Florence + the Machine) and future (Twin Shadow, SBTRKT). The stacked bill almost seems more Pitchforkian than the actual Pitchfork fest going on a couple weeks earlier featuring Grimes, Clams Casino, Sleigh Bells and Beach House.



▶ This is what Bonnaroo looks like. Are you ready?

▶ **Bonnaroo**
June 7-10
Manchester, Tenn.
www.bonnaroo.com
In the past decade, Bonnaroo has become the ideal by which all other fests are judged, and a great example of what happens when you realize, whoops, you've become superpopular and need to book more than just jam bands. This year the likes of Skrillex, Radiohead, Mogwai, Das Racist, GZA, Santigold, The Roots and Foster the People give the nation's hipsters a really confusing idea of what Tennessee is actually like. LUKE O'NEIL

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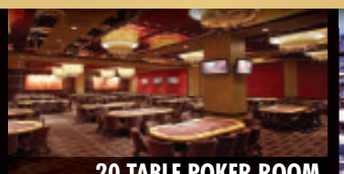
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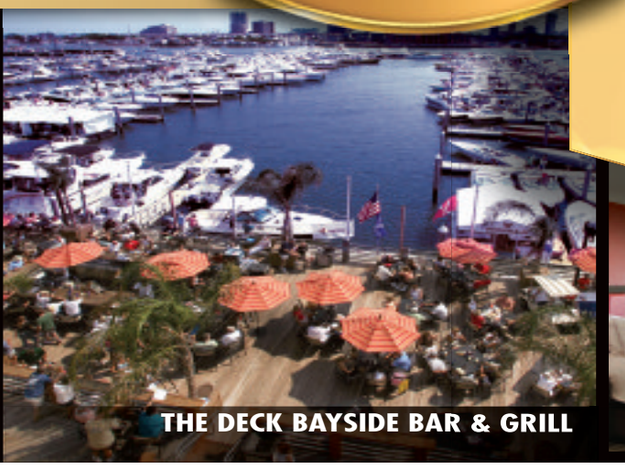
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TV watch list

'Duets'

REALITY. To satiate your singing competition fix post-"American Idol," ABC presents "Duets," a contest that pits wannabe stars against each other — and their mentors. Kelly Clarkson, John Legend, Robin Thicke and Sugarland singer Jennifer Nettles serve as the celebrity mentors performing — you guessed it — duets with the competitors vying for a Hollywood Records contract. **Series premiere, 8 p.m., ABC**

'Men at Work'

COMEDY. Danny Masterson heads a cast of buddies who work at a magazine and prowl the streets of NYC looking for love — or some unsatisfying version of it. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., TBS** AMBER RAY

'Idol.' Winner

▶ The "American Idol" tour comes to Nassau Colliseum in Uniondale on Aug. 22 and the Prudential Center in Newark on Aug. 28.

MARK DAVIS/GETTY IMAGES

Phillips crowned 'American Idol'

His detractors may have called him the show's latest WGWG (white guy with guitar), but his fans showed their love by choosing Phillip Phillips as the Season 11 "American Idol." Phillips bested Jessica Sanchez in a close race that may have come down to their final performances. NICK DUSSAULT

10 REASONS TO HIT THE MOVIE THEATER THIS WEEKEND

Must-see

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▶ Josh Brolin makes for a very convincing Tommy Lee Jones circa 1969 in "Men in Black 3."

1 'Men in Black 3' Agents J (Will Smith) and K (Tommy Lee Jones) are back in business, keeping alien life forms under control on Earth — that is, until K is mysteriously erased from existence and J must travel to 1969 to find young K (Josh Brolin) before things go awry.

2 'Chernobyl Diaries' Oren Peli, the man who brought us "Paranormal Activity" and its sequels, presents the tale of six Americans on an "extreme tourism" trip to Pripyat, the town that was home to workers at the Chernobyl nuclear reactor. They inevitably find themselves stranded but not alone.

3 'The Dictator' Sacha Baron Cohen is the juvenile leader of the African nation of Wadiya, who is replaced by a double during a coup in New York City.

4 'Battleship' In this adaptation of the board game, aliens invade from the sea. And if that doesn't float your boat, there's always Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgard and Brooklyn Decker to stare at.

5 'What to Expect When You're Expecting' Based on the how-to book of the same name, this comedy is packed with marquee names: Jennifer Lopez, Cameron Diaz, Elizabeth Banks and Brooklyn Decker, again.

6 'Dark Shadows' Tim Burton reimagines the 1960s soap opera in which a vampire from the 1700s awakens in 1972. He seeks out his dysfunctional relatives to restore his recently diminished family name in a small town in Maine.

7 'The Avengers' Sci-fi master-in-chief Joss Whedon directs a bevy of big stars as seven Marvel heroes join forces to conquer the evil Loki.

8 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' Retirees travel to Jaipur, India, to live out their golden years.

9 'The Five-Year Engagement' Jason Segel and Emily Blunt dodge obstacles en route to getting hitched.

10 'Safe' Jason Statham stars as an ex-cage fighter attempting to save a girl from the Russian mob. HEIDI PATALANO

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When should you reconsider the date with a bad first impression?

Shrink wrap

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People are always looking for instant love and romance. Take the new dating show that is set to premiere on Fox in early June called "The Choice," on which celebrity contestants will try to find their match in three quick rounds. That's a lot of judging and decision-making in a short amount of time. What if a celebrity makes the wrong fast choice and sends the possible love of his or her life away? And you don't have to be on television to make that mistake. In the real world, how can you know when to give someone a second chance?

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▶ "Let me back in!"

So often after a mediocre first date people dismiss any possibility of a future with someone. He or she wasn't at all what you'd hoped: He spent most of the evening talking about his work, or she complained about her friends. And what about the clear lack of chemistry between you? You sat across the table, waiting to be released, figuring that you would never have to see that person again.

Might you be quashing the opportunity to become involved with someone who could actually be a partner with potential?

It's hard to know if you will really like someone based on that first awkward meeting. You want there to be fireworks the minute you sit down. But chemistry is really a magic potion of many things that can't always be created during that first date. He or she might be shy and nervous, and, because of that, be inhibited and not act like himself or herself.

There are definitely times when you don't go for round two. Some examples include if your date is sloppy, or he or she spends the evening talking about the other women or men in the restaurant. But when it isn't so clear, if you can open your mind and let your expectations go, you might discover something you really like about the person that can take you to a great second date with room to continue.

— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** *is creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* ***Healthylife.net.*** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide.*

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▶ ***Luis, No one puts a smile on my face the way you do. You are my "all in all" :) What can I say, you're the best. I adore you. Neel.***

▶ *Babe, I just want to remind you once again of how much I love you and that I love waking up everyday next to you. I hope this will put a smile on your face. Thanks for caring for me and for all the happy moments.*

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Freedom from restraint

"It gives people freedom from the restraints of social etiquette, professionalism and the freedom from reactions, letting them divulge more," Rubin says. "[Fans] can play the role of the friend. ... People are gathered together to read the mundane aspects of one of their 'friend's' lives. It takes it up a notch and creates some pseudo-connection."

- "It also helps that by tweeting a statement, there's no immediate negative feedback. That doesn't mean one doesn't eventually have to face consequences. But, because there's no instantaneous chastisement for posting something that isn't politically correct, the poster feels like anything they feel like saying they should say," Muskin says.
- So, those of us who tweet about ourselves don't necessarily have big egos. They may just enjoy the simple pleasures of life more than most of us.

MICHELLE CASTILLO
METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

Tweeting is sexy

In early May 2012, Kanye West's fans learned which clothing styles he hated — whether they cared or not. The award-winning rapper shared on Twitter his opinions on the outfits he saw around New York.

"I hate button up shirts with hoodies," West tweeted.

"I hate hoodies with sports coats," he added.

"I hate sports coats with button up shirts, jeans and dress shoes," he stated.

West's and other celebrities' propensity to share details of their personal lives online might be rooted in science. A new study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences shows that people who talk about themselves had similar brain reactions to those who engaged in eating or sex. In other words: Boasting about our everyday lives gives us as much pleasure as basic needs activities.

▶ Kanye West, according to this study, loves the thrill of oversharing.

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"The thousands and thousands of responses, the degree of intensity to that person, it must be very confirming of their importance," says Dr. Phil Muskin, chief of consultation-liaison psychiatry at Columbia Psychiatry in New York.

Dr. David Rubin, a psychiatrist at NY-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell and Columbia believes it's not just a new media problem that makes it seem that celebrities — and many of us — share too much of themselves online. Twitter, Facebook and blogs are simply a new medium to do it in — and it's much easier since you don't have to do it face to face. According to the PNAS study, four out of five postings on social media sites are about a person's immediate experiences.

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We all suffer the same fate

RE: "WE MUST STAND TOGETHER, OR ALONE": Young or old, if America really is so great then we all deserve health care. The old face attacks on their earned benefits, and the young are facing a future without benefits at all. The older generations have created this problem, and the younger generation stood idly by, never voting, so no one is innocent. It will take both to resolve this problem — not our so called "leaders," because almost all of them are within the top 1 percent, with free perks plus benefits, who cannot even say how much milk costs let alone understand the struggle the 99 percent face every day. You want change, then vote for it.
DOUG BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

Switched at birth, or maybe not

RE: "RACE AND SEXUALITY ARE NO BEDFELLOWS": In response to Carlos Swaby, advances in medical science have given doctors the ability to alter the gender one is born with. I'm sure the future may hold the possibility for you to "flip-flop" with your race. Michael Jackson had already began to pioneer the science behind such ventures.
MIKE WONS, VIA E-MAIL

You say you are a black man and cannot change that. Well, I am a gay man, and I cannot change that either! These people you supposedly know who "flip-flop" are most likely bisexual, not homosexual. Please learn the difference. I love, and am only physically attracted to, men. No amount of hate from people like you can change that. I love women very much, but I am not sexually attracted to them. I cannot, nor ever did, "flip-flop." I guess we have a different God. My God made me this way. He does not make mistakes. Your God made a mistake in making hateful bigots like you!
RETUS THAYER, VIA E-MAIL

Poetry, not just for infidels anymore

Would you have written about the poetry of Charles Manson or Ted Bundy? I don't think so. The Taliban are savages who mutilate and kill people at the drop of a hat as per Sharia. You sound ludicrous trying to romanticize them.
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Support for pot industry growing

RE: "HERE'S A FREE MARKET TACTIC: LEGALIZE IT": Mr. Penner, you are 100 percent right. Marijuana would create a huge revenue stream for our government, but it's also safer than alcohol. For every 10,000 alcohol-related deaths, there is a single marijuana-related death — and it's probably because that person tried to eat and drive at the same time. There is also pending research that proves marijuana can be used to cure both breast and lung cancer (seriously, look it up). All in all, I think legalizing marijuana would greatly benefit the economic snafu that is this country. **M. GILBERT, QUEENS**

No matter who you blame, I think we all agree that the U.S. economy is in a sorrowful state with recovery so distant as to seem impossible. That's why it takes an enlightened and progressive government to look to legalizing a blooming marijuana industry.
WILLIE J. EILAND JR., VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Rather than be eager to display your knowledge to others, you ought to sit back and be a good listener. You know what you know — now it's time to find out what others have to offer.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** When it comes your financial or commercial affairs, you should follow your instincts. Your intuitions could be especially keen, giving you an edge on making or saving money.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Endeavors you personally originate or manage have excellent chances for success. It behooves you to hold on to your authority and avoid delegation.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Usually you enjoy being where the action is, but at this juncture, a retreat to peaceful surroundings for whatever amount of time you need may be essential for sorting out your thoughts.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't select your companions in a random fashion. If you have a choice, choose the type of friends who operate on your wavelength. Being with good pals makes everything right.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Challenging developments have a tendency to bring out your hidden qualities, so don't try to dodge adversity.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It isn't likely that you will be impelled to dictate to others what they should do and how they do it — but if anyone asks for advice, what you offer will be sage and constructive.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Use your aptitude for finding and bringing out the hidden value in things, and you'll come out ahead in all your endeavors. You may have to look harder than usual to find the quality, but it'll be there.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Don't take it as a personal affront if your partner in a joint endeavor is a bit sharper than you. Use his or her efficacy to feather your nest just as your opposite number is doing.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You shouldn't have to be told to use common sense when it comes to matters of health. Avoid overindulging in life's tastier tidbits.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Take a little time to arrange a get-together with some friends, even if it's just for coffee. It'll do you a lot of good to relax with people who like you as much as you like them.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Make an effort to spend some time with people over whom you have an influence, especially if you have something important to impress on them. Don't be fooled by age or position; these people will be of enormous help to you.
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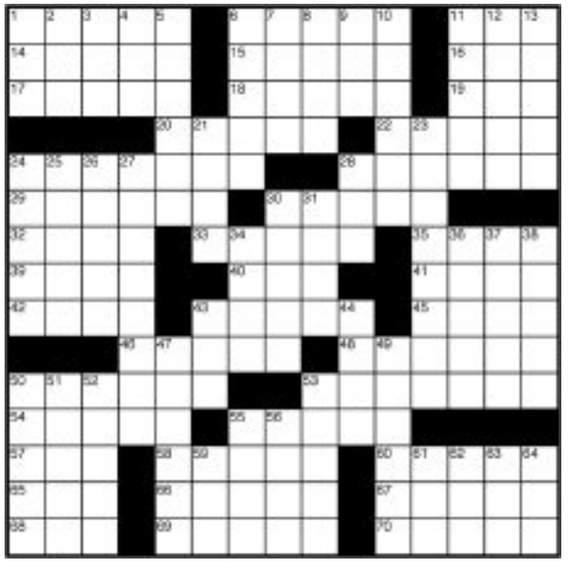

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Memorial Day

One of the perks of staying in town on a holiday weekend is avoiding the crush at the city's most buzzed-about restaurants. Stop by these winners of the CRAVED Awards at The Great GoogaMooga from Seamless ... two-hour lines not included.

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- **Roberta's**
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Cheers!

Drink to summer

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- 2 oz. Plymouth Gin
- .5 oz. Domaine de Canton Ginger Liqueur
- 2-3 strawberries
- Simple syrup
- Prosecco

Directions: Muddle the strawberries with the simple syrup. Add Plymouth and Canton. Shake and strain into a martini glass. Top with prosecco and garnish with a strawberry.

Brooklyn Bridge

New York Central at Grand Hyatt New York (109 E. 42nd St., 646-213-6865)
If Brooklyn is more your style, this drink, said to be a bridge between a gimlet and a mojito, is the perfect concoction for keeping you cool in more ways than one. A combination of Hendrick's Gin, cucumber and agave nectar will have you ready to face the sun.

- 4 thin cucumber slices
- 1.5 oz. Hendrick's Gin
- .5 oz. lime juice
- .5 oz. agave nectar

Directions: Muddle cucumbers in a tall glass. Add ice and other ingredients. Fill with tonic and stir gently.

Invaciones Frances Margarita

Toloache 50 (251 W. 50th St., 212-581-1818)
Nothing says "summer" quite like a classic margarita. Try this progressive take on the Mexican classic at Toloache 50. With surprising twists like spring peas and a garnish of tarragon, it's a fiesta in a glass.

- 1.25 oz. el Jimador Blanco
- .5 oz. Cointreau
- .5 oz. Remy Martin V
- 1 3-inch sprig tarragon
- 3 bar spoons spring peas
- 1 ounce simple syrup
- 1 ounce lime juice
- 1 small sprig tarragon for garnish

Directions: In a cocktail shaker, muddle together tarragon and peas. Add remaining ingredients with ice and shake well. Strain into a rocks glass with fresh ice. Add garnish.

Washington Heights

Also at New York Central
If you're looking to sport your summer finery, head to New York Central and sip on this. A combination of Pyrat XO Rum, lime, ginger beer and pineapple, it's heralded as summer in a glass — and it's perfect for those who can't choose between liquor and beer.

- 1.5 oz. Pyrat Rum XO
- .5 oz. lime juice
- Ginger beer
- Splash pineapple juice

Directions: Pour rum and lime juice over rocks and top with ginger beer. Add a splash of pineapple juice. Garnish with a lime wedge.

The Sea Mist

La Bottega at The Maritime Hotel (363 W. 16th St., 212-242-4300)
Let your mind wander to the beach with this seafaring take on a pina colada that combines coconut rum, pineapple juice and a slight hint of Blue Curacao.

- 1 ounce Bacardi Rum Coconut
- Splash Blue Curacao
- 1 ounce triple sec
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Directions: Shake all ingredients well and serve in a large rocks glass garnished with a maraschino cherry.

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Hot chef

▶ John Cordova is the executive chef at Home (20 Cornelia St., 212-243-9579).

The farm-to-table trend is nothing new in New York, but chef John Cordova tells us he was new to the locavore cooking style when he started manning the kitchen at Home, a cozy establishment on Cornelia Street. Home prides itself on the familiar flavors of comfort food, but Cordova's meals are served with a bit of flair. Read on to learn how he does it.

When did you get passionate about the current farm-to-table movement?
Fairly recently. Home is the first restaurant that I have worked at that has had such a strong history of trying to put as little distance as possible between itself and the people that provide its food. For me, I think trying to cook this way has been a natural progression. I've worked at some of the best restaurants in the city, and they all put a high value on the products that they use. For some of them, it makes sense to fly fish in from Japan or produce from South America. At Home we try not to do that. There are plenty of great fish in our local waters and abundant produce grown close by. It may be a little more challenging to source, but in the long run it's worth it for us.

When you cook, how do you balance the expectations people have for comfort food with your own personal flourishes?
I don't, really. I like to think that if I like it, the customer will too. Luckily for me this is mostly true.

What's your favorite dish to cook on the menu?
As for entrees, I really like our trout dish. The trout itself is grilled and the skin gets a little crisp and smoky. The clam vinaigrette is salty and vinegary, with hints of shallot and fresh herbs. And the broccoli is tossed in olive oil and roasted; the florets get just a bit crisp and the flavor is sharpened.

Do you like to cook when you're not working?
I enjoy cooking and at home it doesn't seem like work, although I do miss the dishwasher. I usually make something simple with few ingredients: some roasted meat that has been marinated, whatever vegetable looked best at the store and mashed potatoes with lemon and olive oil. I also make a lot of mashed avocado or pureed vegetables with olive oil for my 6-month-old daughter. Luckily, she and the 2-year-old are good eaters.

Where the heart is

What's a dish that signifies the concept of "home" to you?
Home cooking is simple, pure cooking — flavorful and satisfying. For me, and I think for a lot of chefs, it's roasted chicken. Everyone seems to do it differently. At my house we use the beer can method: It's so simple and always comes out good. I just sit a well-seasoned chicken on a half-full can of beer, place it in a baking dish and roast at 400 for about 45 minutes to an hour. Then I let it rest for 30 to 40 minutes. The outside is always crispy, the inside is always moist. I either put potatoes and vegetables in the pan to cook with the chicken, or I pour the pan juices over some whole wheat pasta with an egg yolk, parmesan and black pepper, like a carbonara. METRO/ME

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TORTURED SOULS

Devils take win from Rangers after miracle comeback attempt Carter scores game-winner for New Jersey Blueshirts one game away from exit

Madison Square Garden was a madhouse.

Then with one quick flick of Ryan Carter's wrists, the old house on 33rd Street became the World's Most Famous Mausoleum.

Carter's goal with 4:24 remaining in regulation was the game-winner in the Devils' 5-3 win over the Rangers last night at the Garden. The Devils lead the best-of-seven series, 3-2.

Friday night's Game 6 will mark the second time this playoff season that this remarkable Ranger season faces extinction.

The Rangers beat Ottawa, 3-2, on April 23 to force a Game 7 three nights later at Madison Square Garden. The Rangers won Game 7 of that series, 2-1.

Stephen Gionta, Patrik Elias, Travis Zajac and Zach Parise also scored for the Devils. Brandon Prust, Ryan Callahan and Marian Gaborik scored for the Rangers. Martin Brodeur made 25 saves while Henrik Lundqvist stopped 12-of-16 shots.

Despite Gionta, Elias and Zajac having scored in the first 9:49, the teams entered the third period tied at 3-3. Prust cut the deficit to 3-1 with a diving backhander at 15:41 of the first. Callahan scored 32 seconds into the second and Gaborik tied the game 17 seconds into the third.

The game stayed tied until Carter's game-winner.

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▶ The Devils' Ryan Carter (20) celebrates his game-winner while Brad Richards, right, looks on.

10 The Devils had 10 assists on their five goals scored, including secondary assists. Kovalchuk and Fayne both had two each.

In the news

No Chandler?

Knicks center Tyson Chandler was honored with a spot on the NBA's All-Defense second team yesterday.

Of course, that'd be much more of an honor if he hadn't won NBA Defensive Player of the Year.

The confusion lies in who votes on the two awards. Coaches vote on the first team and left Chandler out of the top-5, while the media votes on the Defensive Player of the Year.

Devils taking advantage of their depth

One aspect to the Devils' success has been their depth. Twenty-one skaters have dressed for the Devils. Of those 21 players, 20 have recorded one or more points and 15 have scored one or more goals.

For that they have general manager Lou Lamoriello to thank.

"Lou does nothing but win. He knows the formula," Devils coach Pete DeBoer said during his morning press conference yesterday. "I think that's where the bar is with him, and it has been here since the day he got here.

"It's no secret that our season turned from the All-Star break on when Lou added some depth up front and we got to the point where we could roll four lines," he said. "We went out and got [Alex] Ponikarovsky [in a trade], we brought [Steve] Bernier up and [Travis] Zajac got healthy. Our season turned at that point. You can't overstate the importance [of depth]." METRO/DG

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▶ Rodriguez

A-Rod, Yanks' bats break out

Alex Rodriguez's day began taking some extra batting practice before gates opened to fans. It ended with two long home runs in an 8-3 victory over the Royals.

By the time Rodriguez stepped in against rookie Will Smith in the first, the Yankees already owned the lead on a Curtis Granderson home run. A few minutes later, he turned on a 2-2 fastball, sending it well over the left field wall and ending a drought of 52 at-bats without a homer.

Already armed with a three-run lead in the third inning, Rodriguez slugged another long home run, this one a solo shot to center field.

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In **Ryan Mathews**' two-year career, he has never scored more than seven touchdowns. He's never ran for more than 1,091 yards or even come close to touching the ball 300 times. Mathews should also be a top-five pick in fantasy drafts this summer. Say what?

Rare talent

The eye test remains the best talent evaluator. And all we have to do is turn on some tape of Mathews to see that he's one of the best pure runners in the league, right there with guys like **LeSean McCoy** and **Maurice Jones-Drew**. He never goes down on first contact, gets to the edge with ease and is a beast in the passing game. Mathews has averaged 4.7 yards per carry in his career for a reason. The dude can really run and is entering his prime at age 24.

Empty keg

A big reason Mathews isn't a household name right now is **Mike Tolbert**. The powder keg was used as the Chargers' clear goal-line back in the timeshare, racking up 21 touchdowns and 382 touches over the last two seasons. Now Tolbert is in Carolina, leaving Mathews as the lone ranger. He's going to see a huge spike in goal-line work and the passing game. Projecting 330 touches in the Chargers' high-powered offense is very fair.

Fixable flaws

The biggest knocks on Mathews so far have been missed games and fumbling issues. However, his injuries have not been of the serious variety. He hasn't torn up a knee like Adrian Peterson or needed a groin surgically repaired like Michael Turner. Those ankle sprains and tweaks are just bad luck. As for Mathews' 10 fumbles over the last two seasons, he's aware of it. And that's step one to fixing it. But even if the problem crops up again, the Chargers will have no choice but to stick with Mathews. His backup is former undrafted free agent Curtis Brinkley.

Ryan Mathews has the Chargers' backfield all to himself with Mike Tolbert gone.

MLB Trading

Buying low on the right guy can save a season.

1 **Heath Bell, RP, MIA —** Bell has a 7.16 ERA so far, but manager Ozzie Guillen has shown solid support. The velocity is gradually coming back.

2 **Robinson Cano, 2B, NYY —** Cano is on pace for a relatively meager 20 homers and 66 RBIs. A red-hot streak is coming.

3 **Edwin Jackson, SP, WAS —** Despite a 0.97 WHIP and 46 strikeouts in 51 2/3 innings, Jackson has one win. He's been extremely unlucky.

53
Innings thrown by Stephen Strasburg so far this season. The Nationals claim he'll be shut down after 160 due to last year's surgery.

Top MLB pickups

Matt Adams

1B, Cardinals
Lance Berkman (knee) is out roughly two months and maybe more. That leaves Adams, last year's Texas League Player of the Year, to get the majority of starts at first base. Major upside.

Addison Reed

RP, White Sox
Chris Sale's strange season continues as he's been placed back in the starting rotation. Reed is the closer of the future and the Sox are giving him a chance to run with the job right now.

Ben Revere

OF, Twins
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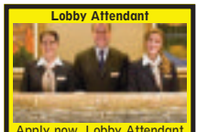

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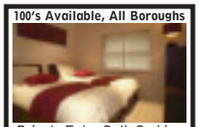

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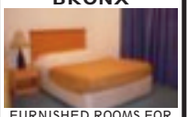

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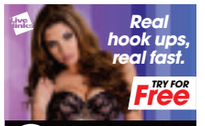

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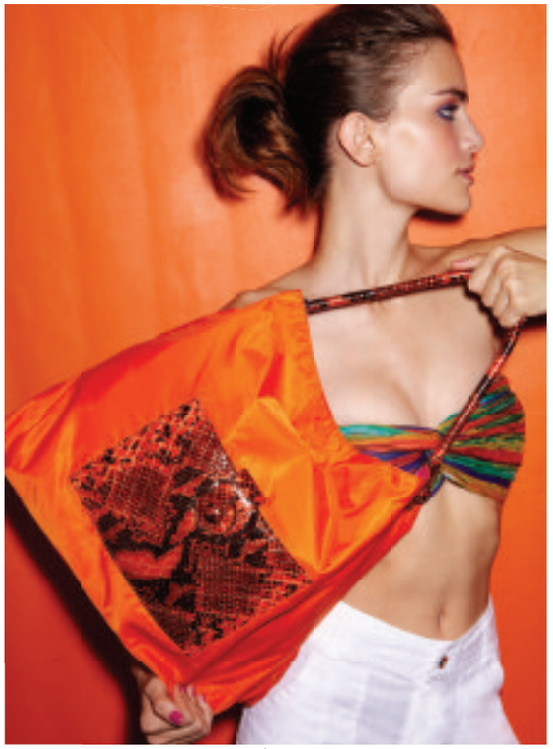

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